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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/693,079	<b>Applicant(s)</b> IGARASHI ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b> NEIL LEVY	<b>Art Unit</b> 1615	

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 March 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,7-14,16, 33- 38 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3,4,7,8,10,11 and 16 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5,9,12-14,33-38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,7-14,16, 33- 38 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)          | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____                                      |
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### DETAILED ACTION

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 16 stand withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 2/20/07

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

Claim 1, 2, 5, 9, 12, 14, 33-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

A configured compound means physical placement or manipulation of the compound wherein the resin or how altered a particle of the compound is, should be in the claim to avoid ambiguity, confusion and indefiniteness. The same with claim 14. The example does not define one way and reference to the figure would.

rejections under JP references are withdrawn in consideration of attorney's arguments

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

Claim 1, 2, 12-14, 33-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Rombi 4879117

.See Example 7. The cellulose strip is coated with a protective PVC with a sustained release compound configured by drop wise impregnation into the PVC. Thus, the instant claim language is met.

Claim 1, 9, 36 are  
rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35  
U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over KYDONEUS 4102991

Flexible resin sustained release dispensers (column 4, lines 29-51) permitting forming a spiral )loop, confetti) shaped as desired to protect objects are disclosed. Example 1- dioctylphthalte as sustained release compound ; absent any specification thereof in the instant claims with repellent, chlorpyrifos or pyrethroids (column 3, lines 60-61) ,absent any specification in the instant claims of any specific repellent..

The application as tapes or strips (column 13, 14) permits of forming over any shaped object as desired.

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments filed 2/19/08 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. applicant argues ROMBI does not have a resin/repellent/sustained release compound mixed; it does; Example 7 for instance. The "wires" are not identified as different from cotton wires or fibers of ROMBI.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NEIL LEVY whose telephone number is 571-272-0619. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday, 7 AM to 5:30 PM EST..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MICHAEL WOODWARD can be reached on 571-272-8373. The fax phone

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number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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